

## **Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee – September 11, 2009**

Chair Bonnie Morris called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:** County Board Supervisors Bonnie Morris (Chair), John Pledl, Jean Tortomasi, Paul Decker (arrived at 8:32 a.m.), Dave Falstad, Peter Wolff (arrived at 8:47 a.m.), Kathleen Cummings (arrived at 8:32 a.m.).

**Also Present:** Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Case Manager Stephanie Sutton, Clerk of Circuit Court Kathy Madden, Circuit Courts Services Business Manager Bob Snow, Interim Public Works Director Allison Bussler, Emergency Preparedness Director Richard Tuma, Senior Financial Analyst Lyndsay Johnson, Building Operations Supervisor Jim Elsbury, Architectural Services Manager Dennis Cerreta, Budget Management Specialist Linda Witkowski, Radio Services Administrator Chris Petterson

### **Approval of Minutes – August 14, 2009**

MOTION: Tortomasi moved, second by Falstad , to approve the minutes of August 14, 2009. Motion carried: 4-0

Cummings and Decker arrived at 8:32 a.m.

### **Executive Committee Report**

- Update from Bill Mitchell on the Waukesha County Economic Development Corporation's 2009 Economic Strategies: Innovation and Sustainability
- Update from Tom Hennen on the Waukesha County Federated Library System (WCFLS) Programs and Budget
- Allison Bussler and Dale Shaver discussed the Parks and Land Use and Public Works Coordination
- Update from Chairman Dwyer on the Planning and Policy Advisory Committee and the Local Government Institute

### **Reports from Committee Member Liaisons**

- Falstad reported that he attended an Airport Commission meeting and provided a summary of the discussion. He also attended the opening of the North Lake Library.
- Cummings reported on the LEPC meeting of July 14. Discussions included the Red Dragon Exercise, the tabletop exercise in Menomonee Falls, the Critical Incident Management Training for Schools course in Menomonee Falls in October, and the involvement of the Office of Emergency Management with the H1N1 outbreak and the National Night Out event in Brookfield.
- Tortomasi reported that the DOC is still in the process of reviewing the vendor responses to the RFP for the new CAD system. In the mid October the vendors will be coming in to do demonstrations and allow for our dispatchers to have a chance to work with the equipment.

Wolff arrived at 8:47 a.m.

### **Future Meeting Dates**

- October 2, 2009

### **Update on the 180° Juvenile Diversion Program**

Sutton reported that a Board of Directors has been developed. Membership includes Supervisor Wolff; the wife of Supervisor Decker; and Brian Scarberry as the Executive Director. She noted that the Executive Director is a part-time, volunteer position. They are still looking for additional volunteer members to serve on the Board. Wolff added that there is a good possibility that a Waukesha County Assistant DA would soon become a member of the Board of Directors.

Sutton distributed and reviewed the handout titled *180° Juvenile Diversion – A Program Overview*. She explained that the mentoring phase of the program has not been developed yet. They are looking at perhaps partnering with another agency that currently has expertise with mentoring, or alternatively hiring a staff member to take on that component. Tortomasi suggested that high school seniors with a related career interest may be a good source for volunteer mentors. Cummings added that the Waukesha schools offer credits for certain volunteer service hours.

Sutton discussed some of the grants and donations that were obtained to help offset the cost of the program. Some sources of funding included a CDBG grant, an award from Honorable Marianne E Becker Fund and grants from the Wisconsin State Bar and Waukesha County Bar Association. She stated they will continue to pursue grant funding to supplement the \$1000 participation fee paid by each participant.

Sutton continued with a review of statistics from the pilot classroom session that ran from April to July. Out of twenty-two referrals, eleven became active participants in the program. There were ten male participants and one female, all in the 17-20 age group, of low to moderate income levels. Two participants received full scholarships; three were pre-charged into the program. Out of the eleven participants there were nine parents and five families that participated in the respective sessions. Offenses included A or B misdemeanors; 27% were felonies. Since the start of the program, seven participants are still working toward completion. Four participants were terminated early in the program for various reasons; three of the four did not have the family participation in the program. It is a 9- month program, and the first graduation is expected in October. Tortomasi asked to be notified if a graduation ceremony is planned.

Sutton explained this is an ongoing program, with the capacity of 15-20 participants per class session. More private attorneys have been referring clients to the program. Sutton said they have received positive feedback thus far. One parent commented that it was a good learning tool and a very positive experience. Tortomasi inquired whether an individual who completes the program and re-offends would have another opportunity to participate in the program. Sutton stated no, the opportunity is offered only one time. Cummings suggested compiling the statistics into a database so that the data could be compared as the program progresses.

Tortomasi asked how the program is being promoted. Sutton stated they have done numerous presentations within the County. She also distributed informational brochures, which are available in the courtrooms and at the agencies that they partner with. Tortomasi stated that the Cooperation Congregations of Waukesha County (CCWC) facilitates volunteer groups to work with inmates; perhaps they would be willing to work with the juveniles in this program. Sutton stated that one of the new VISTA volunteers will work on public relations, contacting schools and developing a website.

To answer Cummings's question, Sutton stated that the 180° Juvenile Diversion Program has received about \$10,000 dollars in grant funding thus far. Morris suggested the Greater Milwaukee Foundation as a possible funding source.

Morris thanked Sutton for the informative update. She requested that Sutton come back to the Committee with update in April 2010, at the one year anniversary of the 180° Juvenile Diversion Program.

## **Review Capital Projects in the Proposed 2010-2014 Plan for which the Committee has Budget and Policy Oversight:**

### Courts

- Item 40: Update & Integrate Courtroom Technology – Madden explained this project was submitted for County Executive consideration in 2008. This project incorporated two different initiatives. The first initiative, regarding the in-custody video appearance, will not be proceeding at this time; it is currently on hold.

The second initiative involves the updating and integrating of audio, video, digital presentation, and courts business automation systems used in the courtrooms and hearing rooms. This portion of the project is as planned. Madden reviewed the main goals for accomplishment in this project and went over examples of the types of systems and equipment that may be incorporated into this project.

Wolff asked about having one model courtroom updated rather than updating all of them. Madden stated they have purchased a portable unit and have it set up in Judge Davis's courtroom, and it can be moved to other courtrooms. Morris asked if there has been any thought of moving the equipment into the County Board Room if it were to be converted into a courtroom in the future. The committee members suggested that perhaps judges could be flexible and move to an updated courtroom for a trial if necessary.

### Public Works - Buildings

- Item 1: Northview Upgrades – This projected is as planned. Bussler stated they believe Northview has outlived its useful life. The plan for Northview is similar to the HHS building - to update the building for another 10-15 years. Repairs would include infrastructure upgrades and programmatic improvements, including HVAC upgrades, asbestos removal, security cameras, and video visitation. Morris asked for specifics on the architectural modifications. Elsbury outlined some of the projects to upgrade the heating, plumbing, ventilation and holding cells area. Schnabl said she is pleased with how accommodating Public Works/Facilities has been; however, it is far from an ideal situation – Northview was built as a hospital/institution, not a jail.
- Item 2: Courts Project Secured Corridor – Cerreta showed a rendering of the proposed project. Bids will be accepted in January, and construction will begin in April or May 2010.
- Item 6: Courthouse Future Study – Bussler stated the study has been moved up one year, to 2011. After crunching the numbers, the probability is renovation of the Courthouse, with the staff moving out. After costing out rental fees (amounting to about \$3 million), it was determined that the likely scenario would be to use the vacated HHS building for temporary relocation.
- Item 8: DA Office Space Renovation – This is a new project. In 2005 there was a countywide study that determined that new carpet was needed in the DA Office. This project would require the removal of asbestos under the carpet. The space will have to be vacated. There will be lighting upgrades, with a return on investment of two years or less. New ductwork will be installed to be compatible with future renovation. This renovation will address the complaints of air quality issues. The staff will be relocated in the former Senior Services office space in the Administration Center for the duration of the project (over one year).

### Emergency Preparedness

- Item 10: Radio Services Bldg Expand/Renovation – This project is as planned. Cerreta displayed the proposed rendition of the building expansion. The front of the building includes faux windows to conform with the City of Waukesha Planning Commission requirements in a residential area. Tuma assured it is a hardened facility that will accommodate a digital trunked system infrastructure replacement and future equipment.. Petterson said the expansion/renovation is definitely needed for the future. The existing transmitter is at 90% of capacity.
- Item 11: Communications Center Expansion – This project would add space to the WCC to accommodate additional Waukesha County fire and police agencies and space to the EOC to better handle countywide emergencies. Bussler stated if two large municipalities would join the WCC, this expansion would be necessary.
- Item 41: Digital Radio System Upgrade – This project is as planned. Tuma said all but three municipalities have signed the agreements; however, all three are currently in the process of doing so. Tuma stated this is a complete replacement of the original analog system that was purchased and installed in 2000. At that time digital was relatively new and it was determined that the digital technology was not stable enough for the County's application.

Tuma invited everyone to the 9-11 commemorative ceremony at the Waukesha County Expo Center, beginning at noon.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Presentation by Marcia Jante on the Drug Free Communities Initiative

### **Future Meeting Date**

- October 2, 2009 (This will be an all day meeting)  
Pledl stated he would be unable to attend the October 2 meeting.

### **Legislative Update**

Krahn reviewed the handout titled *2009 Legislation – Judiciary Committee, 9-11-09* and gave a brief update, including the following bills: AB 230 AB 347(new), and AB 366 (one of several legislative bills relative to DUI statutes and related costs). Krahn also discussed AB 287/SB 209, relating to increasing the beer tax.

Krahn stated that he recently met with Sara Carpenter of WCS to discuss the issues related to the end of funding for the Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program (IDIP).

MOTION: Falstad moved, second by Cummings to adjourn at 10:26 a.m. Motion carried: 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings  
Secretary